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1. It is reported that the Bolivian government has refrained from taking any measures against the Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) for its part in the recent labor disturbances in order to avoid bringing the PIR into closer cooperation with the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR). The government believes that the power of the PIR is waning, and that its strength will decline further if the party is not subjected to government persecution.
2. The PIR has cooperated with the MNR and the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (POR) in the recent strikes. The party issued a handbill violently attacking actions of the government and calling for the formation of a workers front (Frente de Liberacion Nacional). American armed forces were also criticized for alleged intervention in Bolivian affairs.

Comment. All strikes in La Paz have been terminated. The agreement ending the strikes was signed by the government and the so-called national workers coordination committee. PIR railway labor leader Juan Sanjines was still on 6 June maintaining the railway strike at Uyuni, which is on the route to Villazon. It is stated that this strike was designed to aid the planned INR attack on Villazon.

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